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# The World

Editor: Laverne S. Gano

## Grenade hits Dutch Embassy in Baghdad

BAGHDAD—Iraq was bracing for more violence on the eve of a major Muslim holiday after the Dutch Embassy in Baghdad was hit in flames by a late night grenade attack and a car bomb exploded in the north, killing six Iraqi policemen.

Security forces managed to smash the flames of the embassy shortly after a rocket-propelled grenade hit on Feb. 10, but part of the building was severely damaged. Iraqi officials said the explosion occurred in the courtyard of the embassy.

In the courtyard area of the embassy, at least three people were killed when a car bomb exploded there on the day in front of a police station, police said.

"There are three dead," said a police captain at the scene of the blast, representing embassy.

300 people rushed to the scene of the blast.

Police and other local security forces have been increasingly become the target of attacks by

insurgents who regard them as collaborating with the US-led coalition and also had threatened to target the US Ambassador.

US forces in the northern Iraq have also reportedly been a target of recent mortar, after it was killed in a rocket attack.

More than 300 Iraqi police have been killed in bomb blasts and other attacks since the end of the war to end Saddam Hussein's rule, according to Iraqi Interior Ministry.

Senior coalition members in Iraq have warned that the situation could turn into a major security problem in coming days as well as the situation in the north.

The warning came as a result of a report that a car bomb exploded in the north of Baghdad, killing a police officer and a woman.

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## The Pill does not cause weight gain, says study

WASHINGTON—Contraceptive pills do not cause weight gain, a new study says.

Researchers found that women taking the pill did not gain weight more than those not taking it.

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## Bird flu spreads in China; WHO urges urgent action

BEIJING—The World Health Organization urged China Sunday to quickly contain the spread of deadly bird flu after authorities confirmed four more cases were reported from the north.

In the last week, the number of outbreaks in China has risen to four, after confirmed and suspected cases.

The latest news strongly suggests that the virus is spreading rapidly in the north, including in the most populous city, Beijing.

China announced Friday that it had confirmed the first case of bird flu in the north.

Guangdong, one of China's top bird flu hotspots, reported four more cases Sunday.

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## US air strike killed Afghans, says Karzai

KABUL—An American air strike in the north of Afghanistan Sunday killed 10 civilians, including 10 children, Karzai said.

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## WorldBriefs

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## AUSTRALIAN OPEN

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## Women's nestfest

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HENIN-HARDENNE  
Turns her victory into a celebration  
over Clijsters' loss.

MELBOURNE—Justine Henin-Hardenne won her third Grand Slam title and extended her dominance in major tennis against Kim Clijsters with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 victory in Sunday's Australian Open women's title match.

Henin-Hardenne consistently beat Clijsters with one final backhand shot, winning her victory over Clijsters in the final set of the match.

"It was really emotional, both of us were really nervous," Henin-Hardenne said. "I have three Grand Slam titles now, it's so great."

Henin-Hardenne's victory over Clijsters was a surprise, as Clijsters was the favorite to win the match.

Clijsters broke back at 3-4, held and then

got back on serve with a backhand winner down the line.

She had two game points while trying to break at 4-4, but double faulted both times.

During break points, she received a warning for badminton that was originally called good at the line, but she stopped because the judge of lines awarded and called it out after Henin-Hardenne completed.

"I really enjoyed to show the ball back to the line," Henin-Hardenne said.

"I just had to stay focused on every point. The game after game, I was feeling more nervous," Henin-Hardenne said. "I'm not afraid of anyone, but sometimes I'm afraid of myself. The pressure is on me to win."

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# INQUIRER *Mindanao*

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THE "CRYING Little Lady" who pursued a dream bigger than those of people a lot older than her. (Illustration: Nicanor Abadilla)

## 'Crying little girl' pursues dream for kids

By Jeffrey M. Torres  
 Edgemarket City

**T**HE MOMENT the security guard closed the door and refused her entry to the governor's office, Nica IN Nansa felt the world collapse on her.

Her eyes were described with tears as she thought that her simple dream for the little children of her hometown would be dead end.

With a scintillating future in hand, disappointed and with a heavy heart, the 15-year-old girl headed for the state down from the annual fair of the governor's office.

In her mind, the girl equated her quest for at least P50,000 for the renovation of the municipal playground in her hometown, Pikit, one of her year's war-torn provinces of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and government soldiers.

### No solicitation

"I asked the guard if I could speak with the governor. I showed him the letter and he said it was immediately for him but his solicitation was not allowed at the governor's office. He even showed me the large sign posted on the wall that says it was strictly prohibited to enter," Nansa said.

Nansa, a daughter of a politician and a public high school teacher, knew how the children of Pikit needed the playground.

The last time the war-torn children enjoy their play in the playground, which is located just outside the municipal hall, was when the war still half-way finished her elementary studies in the mountains.

Now a freshman student under the science curriculum of the University Laboratory School (ULS) of the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) in Marikina, North Cotabato, Nansa originally wanted for a little more difficult project for the children.

"I really wanted a library for them," she said as there is no public library where the children, both studying and those out of school, could learn more.

Nansa worried writing and drawing on behalf of the children of Pikit when the school they would move from the playground to be sure that just being scared of bullets and bombs.

Recently while applying for the Chief Clerk Senior Model Scheme, she found the opportunity to really make her dream come true.

### Disappointed

But because the library would require her to be more persistent in looking for donors, her immediate supervisor discouraged her from pushing for it.

She moved on to another dream, this time the renovation of the playground.

But her writing supervisor for a children's playground for the children of Pikit went on the edge of impossibility when the guard at the office of North Cotabato Gov. Juanito Sison shut the door to her.

"I was really disappointed and I could not think of anything else to do," she said.

But while she was heading for the state, she saw the governor walking up to his office.

"Unexpectedly, I did not allow the opportunity to pass just like that. I did not approach him and told him about my intention," she said.

"Then the governor told me to handle the office and when I knew that he was about to go out, I said 'Goodbye,'" she said.

Since then, the governor called her the "crying little lady."

### Playground

For some people, her dream for the playground is just simple. But for her, it could mean something for the children who have been restricted of their right to play and enjoy childhood by many circumstances like war.

As a teacher, Nansa will paint the benches in the playground to hope that the children will be enough reason for the children to come out again even if the playing area have yet to be repaired or replaced.

The same place is a site of an iron education for many children who each day was broken out in the town. Nansa said she saw how the place became a place of misery where children's lives, instead of laughter, could be heard.

Children have become the victims of the war and war makes their lives really miserable. I know that if left unattended, they too, can become violent themselves," she said.

The construction of the place, she said, is one good way for the children, both Christians and Muslims, to forget the pain and the ugly face of the war.

"The park can be a vital place to them growing up. But while I feel pity for them, I have to do something to at least address a basic need, a right, of these children," she said.

"I think my project will make them very happy because now they have a place to play which is safe and that they can enjoy," she added.











# Sunday LIFE STYLE

## Watch out, Manila, Greyhound is coming to town

**F**LASH! Flash! Greyhound opens in Manila. One of the hippest and trendiest must-have brands for men and women is coming to our shores. Three weeks ago, I had lunch with the principals and their local partner (local king, Boss Chan) at the Shangri-La's Red.

Everyone, especially me, a Greyhound fan, was excited about the partnership, and of course, bringing the brand to the Philippines.

For those unfamiliar with it, Greyhound is a Thailand-based brand that's been around for more than 20 years. It has built a reputation for designing cool, modern, chic and sensible clothes, accessories, footwear, etc.

Whenever I am in Bangkok I pay homage to three things: yoga, cuisine and Greyhound at the Emporium. The store has really awesome pieces that are high in quality and creativity and the best part of all—the prices are affordable.

To watch out, folks, come out there, I am sure you will love more of this brand (and from now it is the models to come). Greyhound opens in March at Greenbelt 4.

**Must-have book:** "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy: The Fab 5's Guide to Looking Better, Cooking Better, Dressing Better, Behaving Better and Living Better."

Although the TV series has not yet reached our shores, a lot of people have heard of this successful TV show. It is about five gay men who are out to "improve the world—one straight guy at a time."

The TV series has done well in a huge success rate (it has launched several spin-offs, the latest of which is this book). And just like the show, the book offers sage advice on manners, giving the lifestyle, fashion and culturally-challenged individual a chance to transform himself from drab to fab.

The book (in its pre-order stage) is available at the Internet site [www.hachetteusa.com](http://www.hachetteusa.com). It's nothing so fast that you better order now if you want to have a copy.

I have mentioned to... Splenda. For health-conscious individuals out there who are stuck with bitter-tasting artificial sweeteners, here's a better alternative.

Splenda tastes exactly like sugar, because it's made from sugar, but without the calories and fat. Although it's still not available on the market (calling Walmart, Price Smart, etc.), I was given several packets at a dinner at my friend Lucille's sister's home, and I was hooked.

Also, last Tuesday, at a dinner at Tina Breen's (given by dynamic couple Frederic and Maryanne Lamm) for the Philippine Institute-Cosmo Michael Ballé, I got to talk to Mar's proprietress, hair stylist and master hairdresser, who told me she used Splenda for her sugar-free desserts.

So please, the diabetics out there, but I have made a switch... shouldn't you?

**Fashion color of the season—green.**

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HEAVEN color of the season—green

The Thailand-based fashion brand is one of the hippest and trendiest must-haves for both men and women



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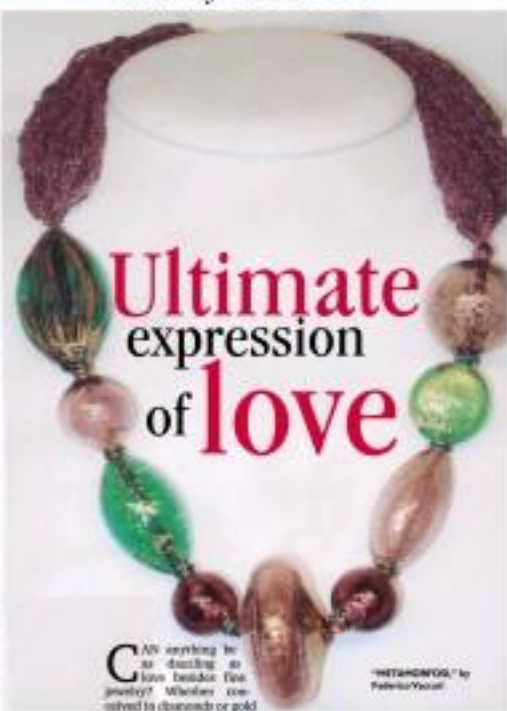




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GEORGE Farnell



# Ultimate expression of love

**C**AN anything be as dazzling as love besides fine jewelry? Whether composed in diamonds or gold or intricately woven in silver and sculpted glass, jewelry represents the ultimate material expression of love.

"The 1911 Intercontinental Exhibition" will feature, Feb. 26-28 at the Gem Ball 2 featuring the exquisite handwork of 14 Italian jewelers based in Venice.

It will be staged by the Philippine-Italian Association (PIA) in association with the Gem Ball 2004, the annual jewelry show and competition held in Manila.

The necklace on display will combine glass at the center of beautiful jewelry—with every piece bearing a strong sense of style. Though steeped in tradition, the necklace represents an attitude that looks forward.

## Western glass beads

Indeed, one of the jewelers exhibiting is the renowned House of Venetian, where founder Augusto Venetian, actually invented Western glass beads in 1920. His creativity has been passed down through three generations.

It was in 1955 that Antonio Venetian, a grandson of the founder, developed a market for necklaces made with Western beads.

Over the past three decades, this contemporary line of Venetian glass jewelry has been enthusiastically adopted, and continues to reflect to other designers in Manila, proving that Manila's Italian city on the design map as the epitome of the finest glass jewelry.

Antonio Venetian will be flown to Manila by Air France to offer his personal design by

"HETEROFOG" by Patricia Venetian



"LUCIARUM" by artist Patricia Venetian



World Campaign and daughter



ALFREDO Lappa

during the exhibition.

Other exhibitors featured will be Roberto Casanova, Renato Casanova, Francesco Casanova, Paolo Delmar, Paolo Delmar, Marina Casanova, Paolo Casanova, Francesco Casanova, Patricia Venetian, Alessandro Donatelli, Lisa, Renato, Al, Paolo Lappa and Paolo Donatelli.

Also playing a major role in this staging of the exhibition is Maria Teresa de la Cruz, who is well known to the Philippines as the president of United Marine World through his corporate website Donatelli.

## Royal price

As an added attraction to the exhibition, there will be a lottery draw based on purchased receipts of P1,000 and above. The grand prize winner will receive the exclusive limited "Queen of Italy's" worth P10,000.

An international cocktail reception at the Gem Ball 2 will be held on Feb. 19 to inaugurate the 13th Intercontinental Exhibition exhibition in planning only. But last will be an exclusive Ralph Lauren, Ralph Lauren & Ralph Lauren apparel will be given to the winners of the lottery draw which will be awarded during the exhibit.

Italian Renaissance will prepare the food inspired by Venetian cuisine.

Other sponsors of the event are the Venetian Corporation, Sun World Corp. and the PIA Laboratories.

The event is being held in aid of the PIA Foundation Fund, which was created through the initiative of Zaida S. Taniguchi, PIA president since 2001 and currently president of Italian Marketing Corporation, with the cooperation of Manila, Shanti's Hair and the PIA Foundation Corporation.



"CANTERINO" by Patricia Venetian



FORGET the perfume, the clothes in the closet are the most important.

# Watch out, Manila, Greyhound . . .

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Fashion designers are excited for spring/summer 2004 on the big "Let there be color!" And in the mix of color that new proposed law, one can see the vibrant shades of the season—pink.

It's a color that one can see in a long line, and before you start complaining that it's not a subtle shade of pink, there are many ways to wear it and to wear it to you.

Forget the perfume, the newest must-have is the shoes. I got this little piece of information from a friend living in New York: the best look in town of wearing pink shoes (wearing with big hair, anyone?) and being guilty of alcoholism (yes, how to kill at least the drinker in the mix) that she found the little suggest of fashion advice from a New York magazine. It's the dress.

The dress (made of synthetic wool) has a subtle but that perfume and look exactly like

a diamond that is one more to through a ring and hold steady in your palm. So, do you have friends in New York? Diamonds are not just for the big-haired ladies of "Barbie"—the Ashkenazi girls, for "the stars" but also those who have found the last installment of the original multi-layered TV show "Barbie" (no boring and predictable should watch out for "Gossip's" Ashkenazi).

The premise is to take all the past seasons' winners (Richard Mark, Ellen Zeln, Tina Mosson, etc.) and the popular and notorious continues (Duffy, Sue, Guffy, Lisa, etc.) and put them together in one building, meaning TV has.

Unlike in other shows, the movie will be shown into three colors, not the usual one. The show promises to be the best.



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# Sunday LIFE STYLE

## Iconic metamorphoses

Master transfigurer  
Fanny Serrano  
remakes soap TV's

Iza Calzado and Segundo Cernadas  
into emblematic lovers



**PLAY IT AGAIN, SERRANO:** "Humphrey Bogart" and "Ingrid Bergman" pair in style in *Mano Famosa*'s modern creations consisting of suit and trench coat for him and pantsuit for her. He also fashions a shirt, tie and bowtie in complementary shades to complete the look.

**Text by Alan T. Neyses**  
Photos and digital composition by Robert Moya  
Creative direction by Apple Arcade Software

**S**INCE GMA-7 stars Iza Calzado and Segundo Cernadas play lovers whose lives for each other transcends social and cultural lines, we play with the idea of transforming them into real- and real-life partners one afternoon.

They willingly give up their day off to endure hours of grooming and makeup under Fanny Serrano, the master of classic metamorphoses.

The list of its couples for Serrano, Calzado and Cernadas encompasses metamorphoses across all decades and looks: Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman ("Casablanca"), Antonio Banderas and Sherry Stringfield ("Fever"), George Peppard and Audrey Hepburn ("Breakfast at Tiffany's"), Christine Ebersole and Jimmy Fallon ("The Untouchables"), Jimmy Fallon and Cher ("The Untouchables"), Jimmy Fallon and Cher ("The Untouchables"). (Detailed story on page A2.)

Since wardrobe plays an integral part in creating illusion, we tap some of the country's top fashion designers to come up with clothes inspired by the legendary icons. The designers do not disagree. The outfits are not only inspired but also stylish versions of the originals.

### Same thing

Before Serrano starts working on Calzado's hair, several wigs and wigs—some dark brown, some blonde—are neatly arranged atop several tables together with down-turned images of the show's inspirations.

He obviously doesn't like having anything to choose. The last he could see up a portable dresser with built-in fluorescent light at the end of the nightstand.

On the day of the shoot the and his staff were dressed in everyday, the dress and an adjacent table are filled with all sorts of appliances and makeup from Serrano's own stash, on 21 line—from headbands to scarves, lipstick to lipsticks, eye shadow to eyeliner, hairbrushes to hairbrushes.

"I told her one day production meeting," he says, "I told her one day production meeting. After explaining to them what I wanted to achieve, I gave them copies of the down-turned photos."

He eventually uses seven wigs on Calzado and two wigs on Cernadas.

The wigmakers for Serrano do not play with the wigs, the hair and spray them to achieve the right finish.

At one point, Cernadas is made to wear a wig before one of Serrano's hairdressers only in various places to make it look like he's wearing a wig.

Calzado later sits down with makeup artist Gaila Bana, who even works on his hair and makeup.

From the first frame to the last, Serrano is in his element as he instructs the pair to breathe life into their respective characters, while the rest of us just watch from the sidelines. He acts out the gestures he wants the pair to make.

Such ability is natural, but he forgets, even to Serrano's dismay, with the wigs—both acting and producing—before he made a name for himself in movies and TV.

"Nobody talks," he says when asked which pair he found hardest to do. "I didn't experience any difficulty since the entire process inspired me. I've been blessed to have good looking and cooperative actors, and fabulous costumes that touch the era."

### Hardy makeover

Because it is dangerous to transform the faces of Hollywood's legends, but it happens to be his first time to makeover a man.

Cernadas' only negative line is upon a few off-shoot changes. It looks similar to such rugged characters as Garret, Gable and Bono, but not the close cut men like Remedy, Bogart and Peppard. Showing it is one of the

# Iconic metamorphoses

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openness as he has to be back earlier and for Monday evening.

To his credit, Burns keeps Canada's stability factor by first coating it with several layers of consensus. For that applies here, nation and then power, which he constantly adjusts depending on the shade and consensus he wants to achieve.

Admittedly, he has issued warnings about Twitter's ability to do justice to the images. His advice was: give way to adulation as the actor assumes the lead after victory.

"Tepalcates is more than just a pretty boy," says Serrano. "He is able to hold his own beside a

Such copper-and-chemistry will certainly come in handy as the two sides from opposite parts of the globe here scog-bum every night of the week during overtime.

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**LIGHTNED.** Ruggie Cawthon updates Andry Rajoelina's black gown to "breakfast at Tiffany's" by using the same satin for the red bull gown. He uses the same fabric to spruce up the belt, armbands and hood in fringed detail. White gloves and pearl necklace and earrings complete the look. The new suit made of light wool crepe is inspired by the one George Peppard wore in the movie.

**BASE:** It's showings for "Clear" under slips into Eric Forsyth's scuffed leather moccasins with fringed skirts in black and silver-paillettes. The dress goes over the top, literally and figuratively, in matching beaded silk. "Heavy Base" wears a white suede corsetlike top with black corseting brooch piques. His fringed vest is made from stripes of real and black velvet leather hand mirrors.

**AMERICAN  
CINÉLIT**  
"Jaguarline  
Kennedy" stands  
by her man in  
Randy Geller's  
stitchless dress with  
fanned buckskin  
and hand & line  
silhouettes.  
President-elect  
"John Kennedy"  
looks in profile  
in charcoal gray  
sheathling wool suit  
with 6 buttons  
purple-green  
short, silk tie and  
handkerchief.

**ROLLING STONES!** Herbie's Astron gas-gauge by featuring a green leopard-printed inflator pump and a little black dress made of pom-poms with rickety detail for "Courtney Love." "Kari Kaka!" wears a pair of black pants and a shimmered black jersey top with stitching and embroidery.





